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The presently claimed invention relates generally to so-called fingerprinting (e.g., deriving identifying data from audio or video signals). One claim recites a method including: maintaining a list of content items, the list of content items being associated with one or more fingerprints derived from data representing audio or video samples corresponding to the content items; identifying a subset of the list of content items highlighted as active content items, the subset comprising content items subject to updates; using a programmed electronic processor, deriving at least one fingerprint from a content item monitored or obtained from a network; and interrogating the list of content items with the at least one fingerprint to identify the monitored or obtained content item. Of course, other claims and combinations are provided too.